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Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for patents to extend the time for filing an amendment to the above identified application. The Applicants hereby petition for 1 month, from May 21, 2003 to June 21, 2003.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of \$110.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 of the Procter & Gamble Company.

A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purpose provided herein, and to charge any fee for such copies to Deposit Account No. 16-2480.

Respectfully submitted,

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